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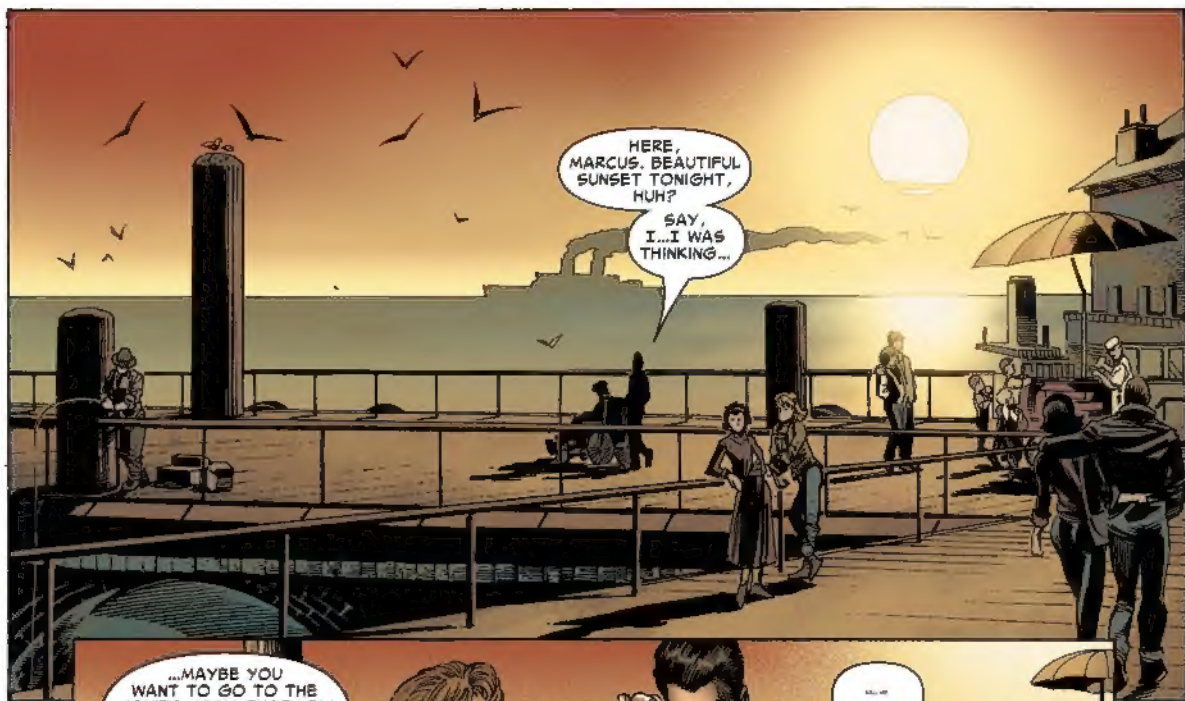


Spider-Man has made one of the biggest decisions in his life by turning against Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, and the United States government. And by joining Captain America's rebellion against the Superhuman Registration Act while his secret identity is already revealed to the world, Peter has put himself and his loved ones in a dangerous position—they are now fugitives from justice and prime targets for the government and its shadowy conspirators.

Now the government has cast a crucial move against the webslinger by enlisting his arch-nemesis, Adrian Toomes, a.k.a. the Vulture, to track him down. Armed with the knowledge that Spider-Man is actually Peter Parker and that ex-girlfriend Deb Whitman has written a scathing, tell-all memoir about her relationship with Peter, the Vulture is confident that Spider-Man will appear at her book signing...

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HERE, MARCUS. BEAUTIFUL SUNSET TONIGHT, HUH?

SAY, I...I WAS THINKING...



...MAYBE YOU WANT TO GO TO THE MOVIES, HUH? THAT NEW GARY COOPER FILM IS OPENING THIS EVENING, AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE--



WHAT, MARCUS? I DIDN'T HEAR YOU. WHAT DID YOU--?



I SAID, "KILL ME."

WHA--? ARE YOU...YOU'RE NOT...



THERE'S NOBODY LOOKING, ADRIAN. JUST...JUST PUSH ME IN. I'LL SINK LIKE A ROCK.

BUT...BUT THEY'D KNOW I DID IT...THEY'D...FIGURE IT OUT, THEY...

NO, THEY WOULDN'T. TELL THEM YOU CAME HOME, FOUND ME GONE. THEY'LL FIGURE IT WAS A ROBBERY OR SOMETHING. A CRIPPLE, EASY PICKINGS...



MARCUS, COME ON. THIS...THIS ISN'T FUNNY...

YOU GOT NO MOTIVE. THEY'D HAVE NO REASON TO PIN IT ON YOU...

EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T, I...I COULDN'T, I...



MARCUS, C'MON!
YOU CAN'T...I MEAN...
GEEZ! SINCE OUR FOLKS
PASSED AWAY, YOU BEEN
MY WHOLE WORLD! YOU
BEEN RAISING ME, LONG
AS I CAN REMEMBER!

YOU'RE MY
BIG BROTHER,
BUT YOU'VE BEEN
LIKE A DAD TO
ME! AND...



AND I'M
GOING TO GET
A SCHOLARSHIP!
I JUST KNOW IT!
ALL MY TEACHERS
SAY SO. THEY
SAY I'M THE
SMARTEST--



HOW CAN
THEY THINK YOU'RE
SMART WHEN YOU'RE
TOO STUPID TO SEE
WHAT'S RIGHT IN
FRONT OF YOU!

FOR CRYING
OUT LOUD, ADRIAN,
OPEN YOUR EYES!



I CAN'T
MOVE! NOT MY
ARMS, MY LEGS!
NOTHIN'! AND I'M
NEVER GONNA!

THAT
MOTORCYCLE
ACCIDENT
FINISHED ME!

I CAN'T
DRESS MYSELF!
CAN'T GO TO THE
FREAKIN' BATHROOM
MYSELF! CAN'T HAVE
A WOMAN!



I'M WEAK!
I'M A WEAKLING!
IF WE WERE A PACK
OF ANTELOPES, THE LIONS
WOULD'VE EATEN ME BY
NOW AND THE VULTURES
WOULD BE FEASTING ON
MY BONES, BECAUSE
THAT'S NATURE'S
WAY!

THIS RIGHT
HERE...IT'S WRONG!
IT'S UNNATURAL!



BUT...
BUT WE'RE NOT
ANIMALS! WE'RE
HUMANS--!



ALL HUMANS
ARE ANIMALS ON
THE INSIDE.

I'M A SICK,
CRIPPLED CREATURE
THAT, IN THE WILD,
THE PACK WOULD EITHER
LEAVE BEHIND OR,
BETTER STILL,
DEVOUR.

AND
YOU...



IN YOUR
OWN WAY, YOU'RE
AS WEAK AS I AM.
WEAKER.

BECAUSE
AT LEAST I'M
WILLING TO
ADMIT IT.

I'M...I'M
SORRY...



TO HELL
WITH YOUR SORRY.
JUST...

JUST
TAKE ME
HOME.

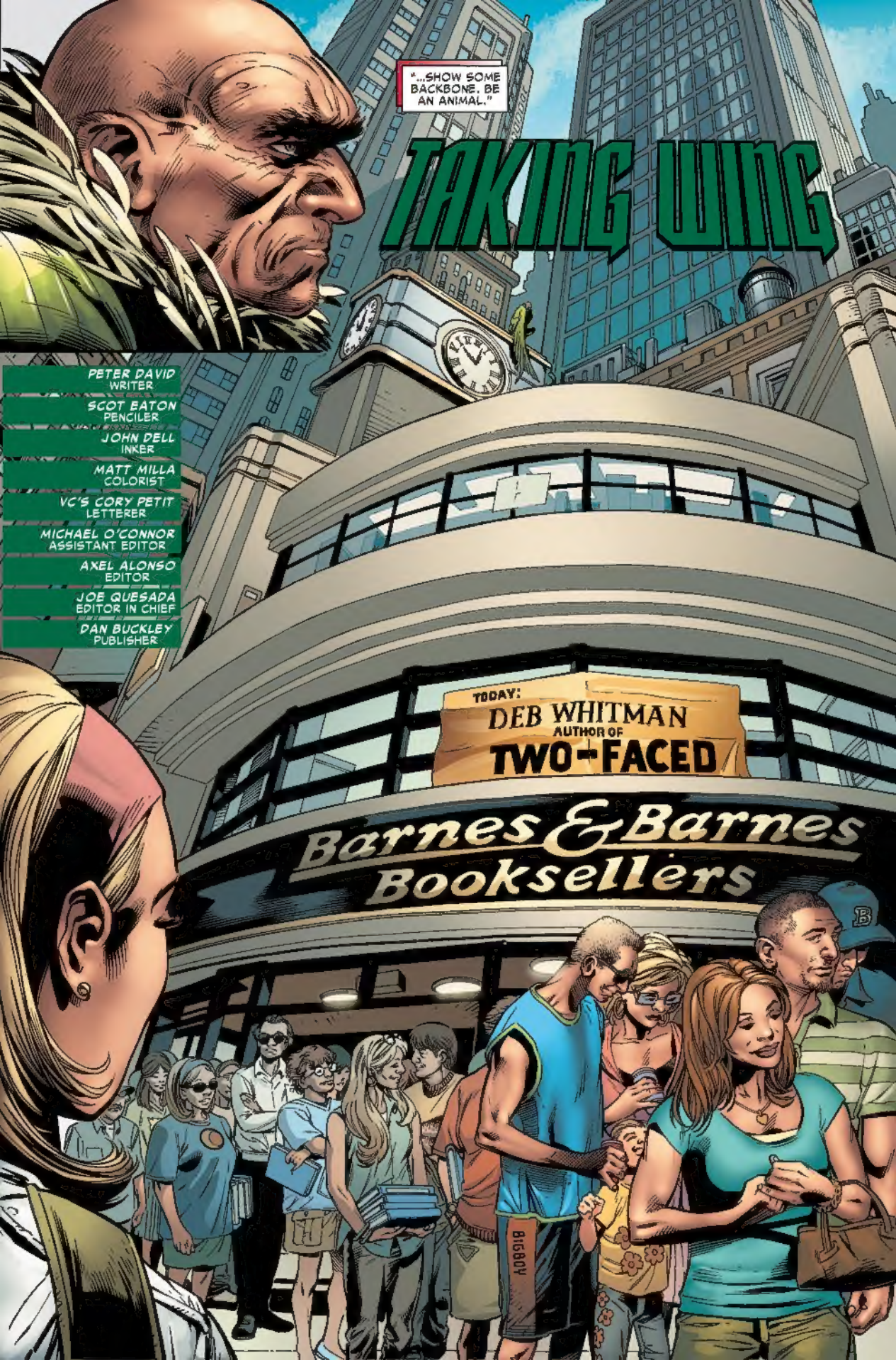


Y...YES,
MARCUS.

I'M SORRY.
I JUST...I WANT
TO MAKE YOU
HAPPY.
STOP
YOUR SNIVELING.
YOU'RE MAKING
IT WORSE.



FINE.
THEN INSTEAD
OF BEING
WEAK...



"...SHOW SOME
BACKBONE. BE
AN ANIMAL."

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CAN YOU HEAR US, TOOMES?

GOOD, WE CAN HEAR WHAT YOU SAY AS WELL.

PERFECTLY. THE LITTLE BUG YOU'VE PLACED IN MY EAR IS WORKING FINE.

CAN YOU HEAR WHAT I'M THINKING?

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

THAT'S PROBABLY FORTUNATE, YOU INSUFFERABLE WEAKLING.

SAVE THE INSULTS, TOOMES. ANY SIGN OF SPIDER-MAN?



NO, AND IT'S VULTURE.

FINE, WHATEVER. STAY ON STATION UNTIL--

BE QUIET, OR RISK PROVING YOUR STUPIDITY EVEN FURTHER.



IF I REMAIN HERE, THAT INFERNAL SIXTH SENSE OF HIS WILL WARN HIM OF MY PRESENCE. EITHER HE WON'T SHOW UP AT ALL...

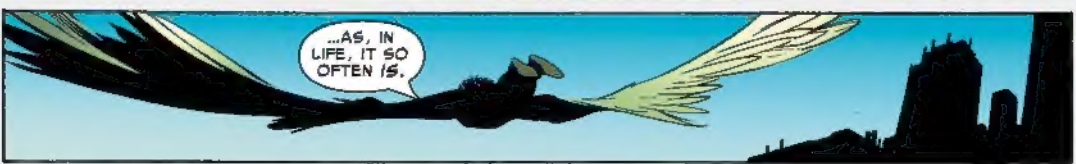
...OR FIND SOME WAY TO ATTACK ME BY SURPRISE.



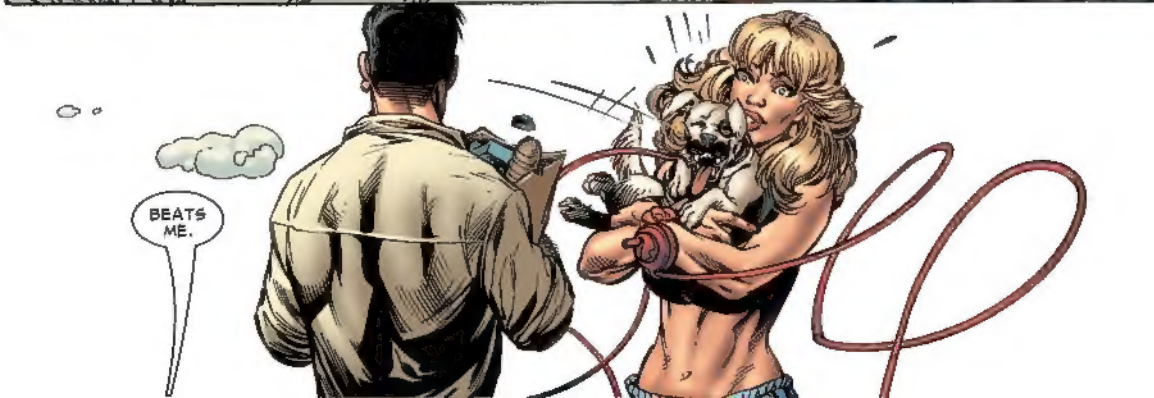
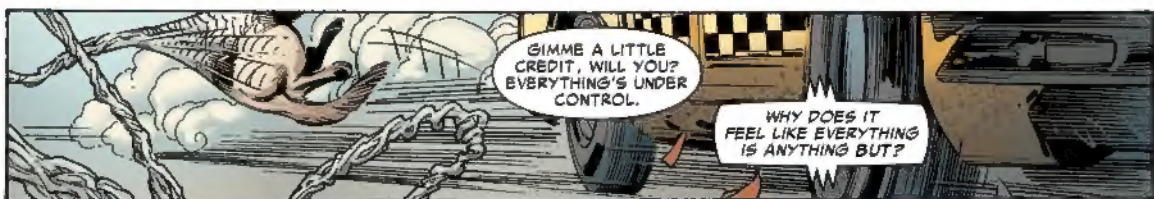
WE MUST SHOW PATIENCE. I WILL HAVE HIM...

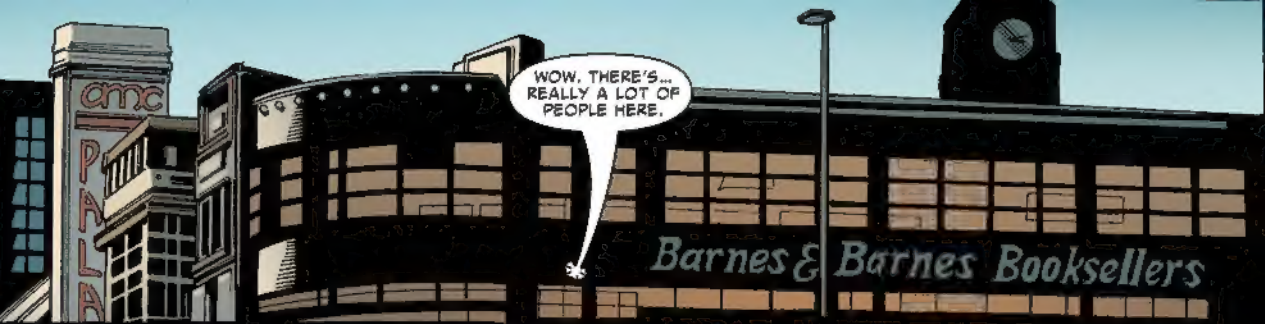
...BUT ON MY TERMS, AND BY TURNING HIS WEAKNESSES AGAINST HIM.

COMPASSION WILL BE HIS UNDOING...



...AS, IN LIFE, IT SO OFTEN IS.





WOW, THERE'S...
REALLY A LOT OF
PEOPLE HERE.



IT'S A
GOOD THING
YOU BROUGHT ME
IN THROUGH THE
BACK.

WELL, WE
LEARNED OUR LESSON
IN CROWD CONTROL
AFTER THE GAIMAN
SIGNING.

WHICH GAY
MEN CAME HERE
TO SIGN?

UHHH...
I...DON'T
RECALL.

OH, AND
A REPORTER FOR THE
BUGLE WISHED TO SPEAK
WITH YOU, SINCE THEY OWN
THE PUBLISHING HOUSE THAT
PUT OUT YOUR BOOK, I
DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD
BE A PROBLEM.



HELLO,
DEBRA.



BETTY!
BETTY...

BRANT.

RIGHT! RIGHT!
YOU'RE A REPORTER
WITH THE BUGLE
NOW?

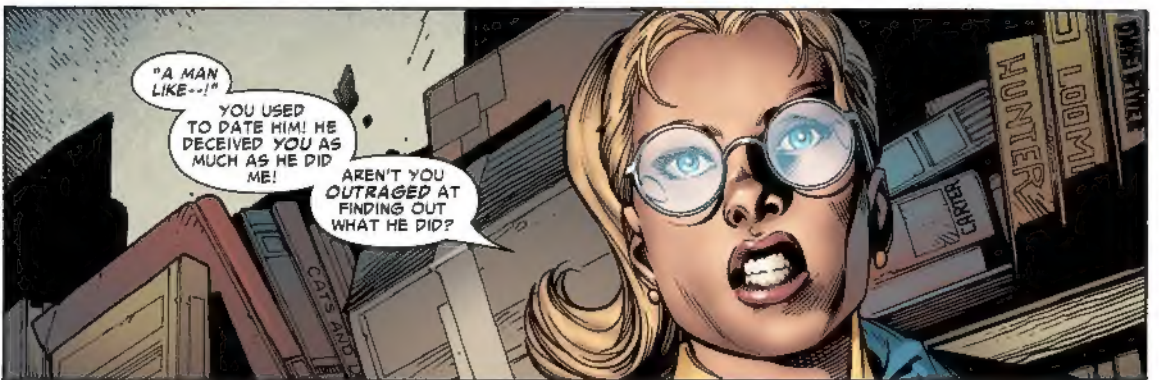
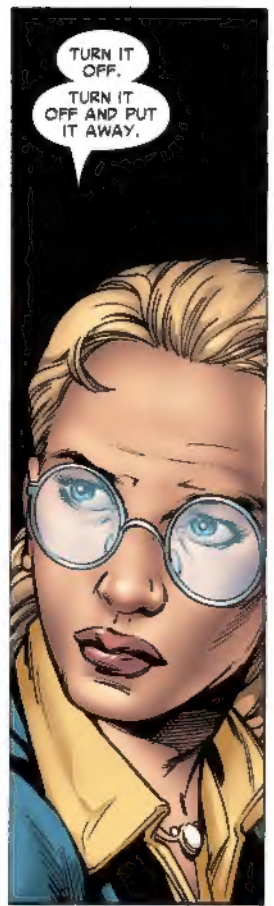
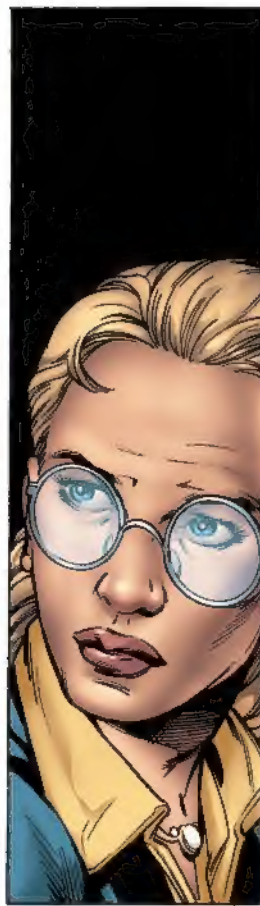
YUP,
MOVING UP IN
THE WORLD.



WOULD YOU
MIND GIVING US
FIVE MINUTES
ALONE?

OKAY,
BUT NO MORE
THAN THAT. WE
DON'T WANT TO
KEEP HER FANS
WAITING.

GOD
FORBID.



OUTRAGED?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
I'M RELIEVED!

MY LIFE
FINALLY MAKES
SENSE!

WHAT?
WHAT'RE
YOU--?



FOR THE
LONGEST TIME, IT
SEEMED LIKE SPIDER-
MAN WAS THIS...THIS
CREATURE WHO
CURSED MY LIFE.

NED'S DEATH,
AND THE HOBGOBLIN...
EVEN MY POOR BROTHER...
IT ALL TIED BACK TO
"THAT LOUSY WALL-
CRAWLER," AS JONAH
CALLS HIM

AND NOW
I FIND OUT IT
WAS PETER ALL
ALONG...

SO
PETER WAS
TO BLAME...

YOU REALLY DON'T GET
IT, DO YOU. YOU ACT LIKE
PETER PARKER IS THE
DISGUISE THAT SPIDER-
MAN HIDES BEHIND.

HE'S NOT.
HE'S PETER PARKER
WEARING A COSTUME.
AND PETER IS A GOOD,
DECENT, CARING MAN,
AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

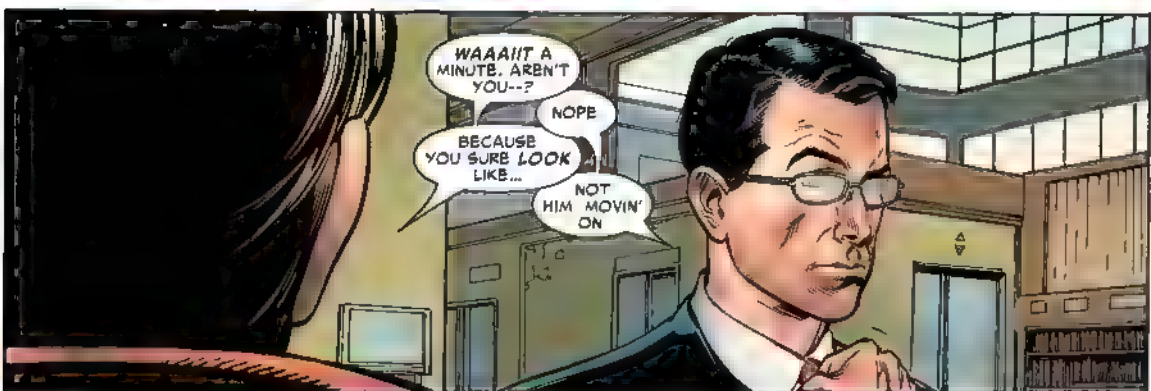
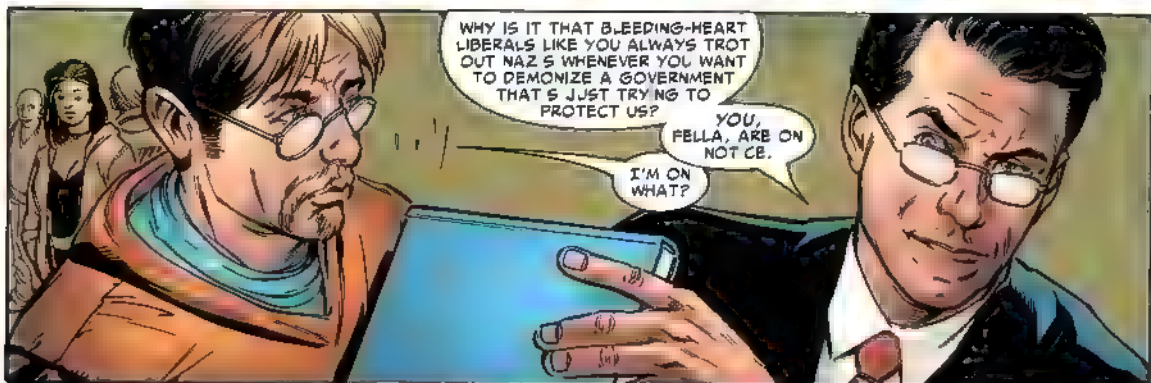
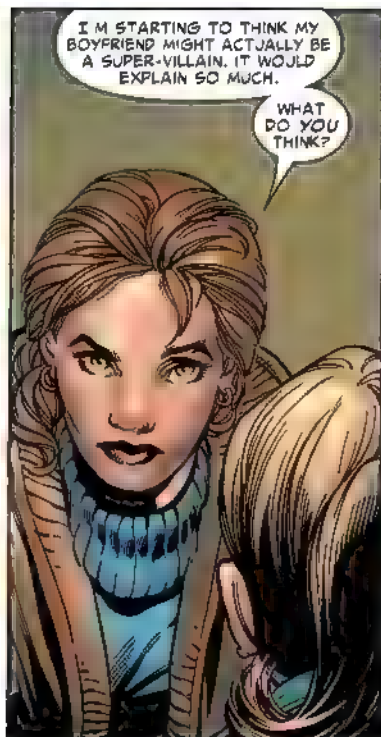
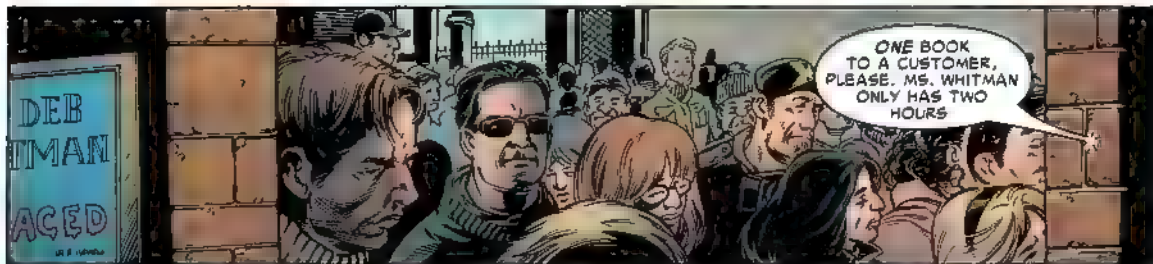
WAS I
STUNNED AT FIRST,
WHEN I FOUND OUT?
SURE. AND ALL THOSE
OLD FEELINGS
BANGED AROUND
IN ME

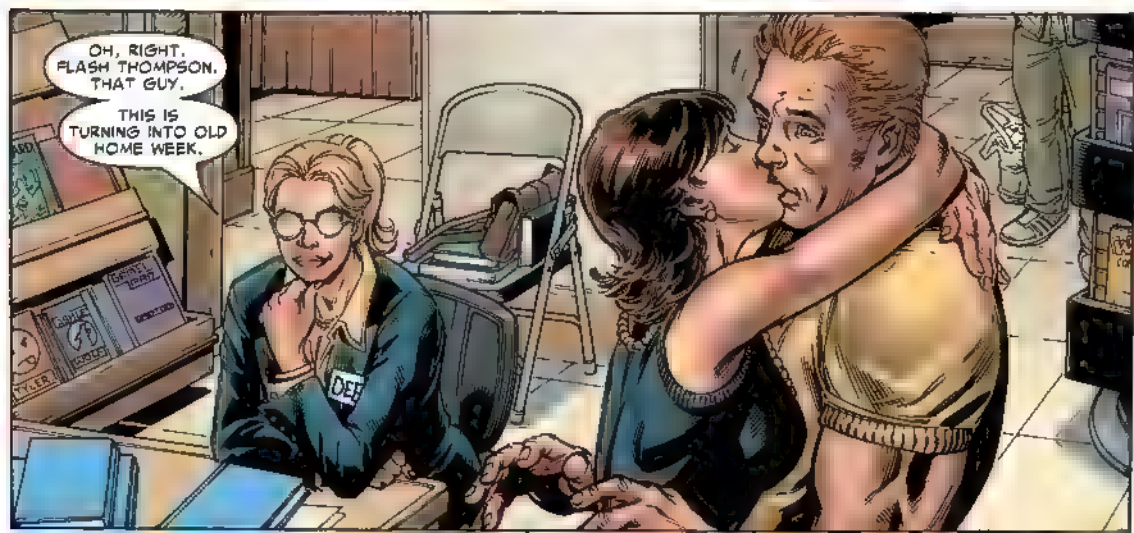
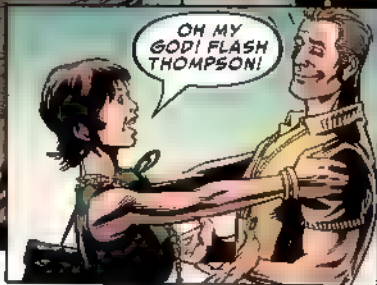
BUT THEN
I REALIZED THE THING
THAT MOST FRIGHTENED
ME ABOUT SPIDER-MAN WAS
THAT HE WAS THE
ANONYMOUS, THREATENING
BEING WITH UNKNOWN
MOTIVES.

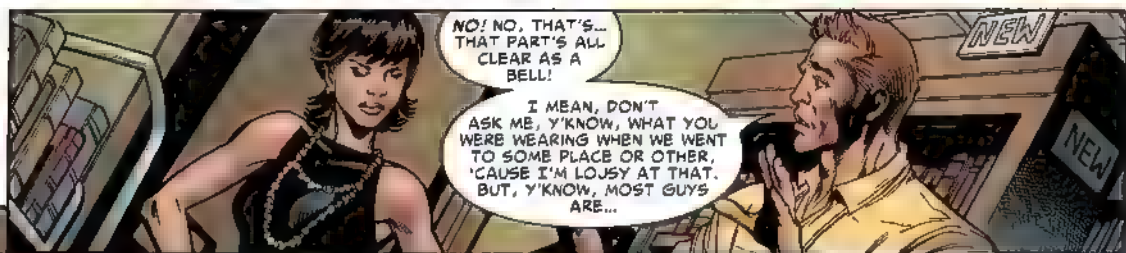
WHAT PETER
DID...HE DID
OUT OF LOVE,
COMPASSION,
AND DECENCY.

WHAT'S
YOUR
EXCUSE?

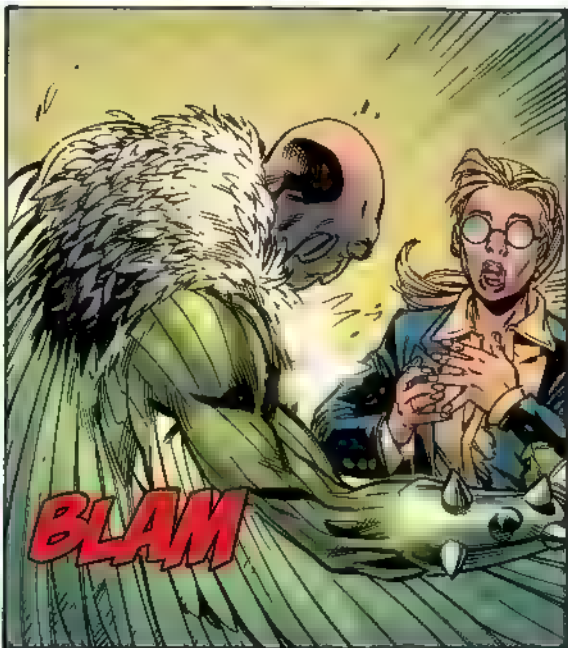
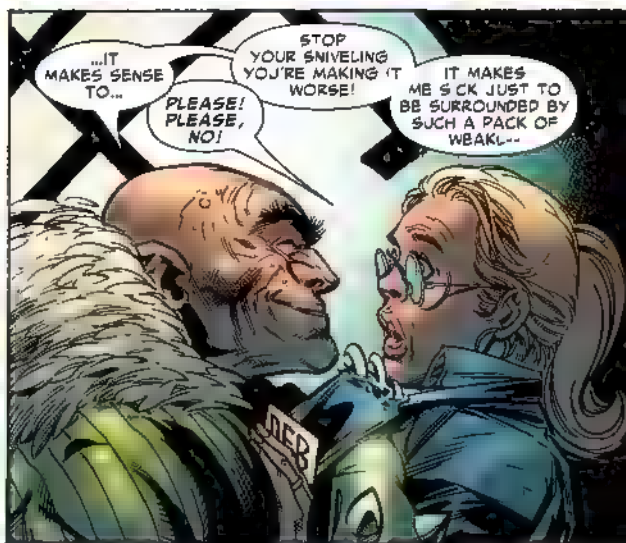


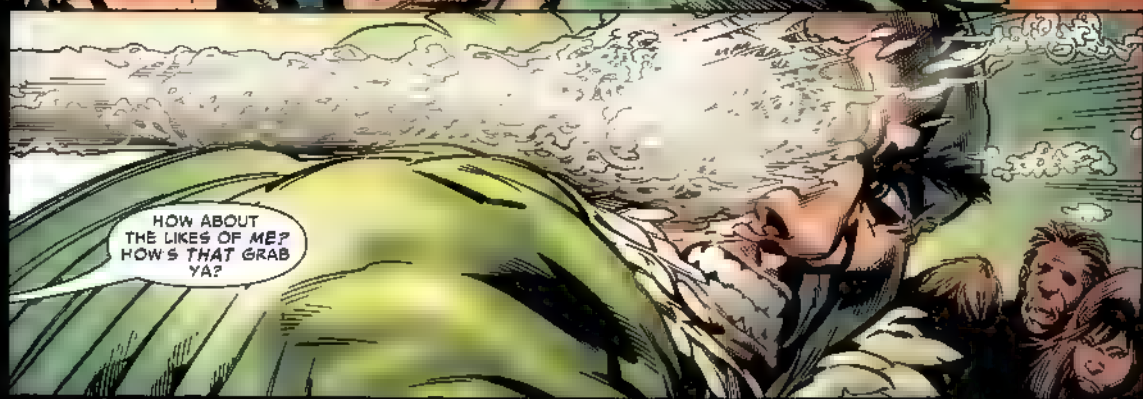














OH, AND
HEY THEY HAVE A
STRICT NO-CUTTING-
IN-LINE POLICY HERE
SO YOU'LL JUST
HAVE TO WAIT
YOUR TURN

HEY, DEB!
I SWUNG BY TO
HAVE A CHAT...
Y'KNOW, FOR OLD
TIME'S SAKE...

AS A MATTER OF
FACT, PARKER, THIS
IS THE ONLY TIME
YOU HAVE LEFT

I DO
BELIEVE I'M
BEING CALLED
OUT.

...BUT WORK
CAN JUST POP UP
WHEN YOU LEAST
EXPECT IT, GUESS
YOU KNOW THAT ALL
TOO WELL, HUM.

SO MAYBE
THIS ISN'T THE
BEST TIME...

WOW. OKAY
THAT'S NEW ANY
OTHER TRICKS YOU
WANT TO SHOW
ME?

I CERTAINLY
DO IF, THAT IS,
YOU'RE BRAVE
ENOUGH TO FACE
THEM!

SORRY
I CAN'T STAY,
DEB. GOTTA
FLY.



NOW...
WHERE DID HE
GET T--



LOOKING
IN THE WRONG
PLACE,
PARKER.

YOU'RE
BECOMING TOO
PREDICTABLE.

WHOOA!



WHEREAS,
I--

NEVER
KNOW WHEN TO
SHUT UP.

AND IF I'M
RIGHT...THAT SHOULD
BE ENOUGH TO BUST
UP THE GENERATOR
ON YOUR BACK THAT
POWERS YOUR
WINGS.







BUT I
VERY SERIOUSLY
DOUBT IT.



YOU THINK
YOU'RE SO SMART,
SPIDER-MAN...WHEN, IN
FACT, YOU'RE TOO
STUPID TO SEE WHAT'S
RIGHT IN FRONT
OF--

...OF...

N...NO...

WHAT HAVE
YOU...DONE...
THIS...

TOOMES?



TOOMES?
TOOMES, SPEAK
TO ME. WHAT'S
GOING ON?

YOU...DID
THIS...

WE DIDN'T
DO ANYTHING,
VULTURE. REPORT:
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?



VULTURE! I
SAID, REPORT!

VULTURE!!!!



TO BE
CONTINUED...